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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS: TIMING OF NEXT MEETING

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1. LAST NIGHT BOTH PRIME MINISTER AND FONMIN SEPARATELY ASKED ME WHETHER POSTPONEMENT OF THIRD ROUND TO EARLY FEBRUARY WAS ACCEPTABLE TO AMBASSADOR PORTER. I REPLIED THAT POSTPONEMENT TO FEBRUARY WAS ACCEPTABLE BUT LATE JANUARY OR FIRST WEEK FEBRUARY NOT ACCEPTABLE AND THAT I WAS WAITING FOR A RANGE OF ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE DATES IN FEBRUARY TO SUGGEST FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION.

2. BOTH SAID IMPORTANT THING WAS POSTPONEMENT FROM MID-JANUARY. IT WAS IMMATERIAL WHETHER NEW DATES WERE FIRST OR SECOND WEEK OF FEBRUARY. BOTH, ALSO, SEPARATELY CONFIRMED TO ME ASSURANCE NO ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST IDF WILL BE TAKEN IN INTERIM.

3. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL THIS EVENING I TELEPHONED FONMIN REGARDING SUGGESTED DATES. HE REPLIED HE HAD ALREADY ANNOUNCED NEXT ROUND WILL TAKE PLACE "LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY". WHEN I ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION ESPECIALLY SINCE THIS CONTRADICTS LAST NIGHT'S CONVERSATION, HE REPLIED HE KNOWS THAT BUT IT SUITED HIS PURPOSES TO SAY WHAT HE DID. HE ASKED ME NOT TO BECOME AGITATED ABOUT THIS; THAT HE BELIEVES OUR SUGGESTED DATES WILL WORK OUT.

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4. I URGE DEPT TO CONVEY REFTEL TO KROYER IMMEDIATELY AND ASK HIM TO TRANSMIT THIS INFORMATION TO FOREIGN MINISTER, SAYING THAT I, TOO, HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TRANSMIT TO FONMIN. I SUGGEST ALSO KROYER TRANSMIT TO FONMIN THAT CHANGING FROM MID-JANUARY

IS ON ASSURANCE FONMIN AND PRIME MINISTER GAVE TO ME THAT NO
ADVERSE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN INTERIM. IRVING

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